

Wrapping Up Case Studies in Climate Risk Assessment in Water Resources

As part of the APN-funded project, “Building Capacities for Climate Resilient Water Resources Development under Climate Uncertainty,” four concepts were supported by NDRI to develop case studies on Climate Risk Assessment (CRA). Over the past three months, four individuals focused their case studies on water resource areas such as hydropower, irrigation, water supply, and hydrology, focusing on CRA through the WECCS-Gen Tool developed by NDRI.



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Name	Affiliation	Title of Case Study
Bibhor Bista	Airlift Technology	Climate Risk Assessment on Dudhkoshi River Basin in terms of Hydropower Potential
Crish Basnet	Institute of Engineering, Tribhuvan University	Climate Impact Assessment of Bagmati Irrigation System
Nikita Khanal	Central Department of Environmental Science, Tribhuvan University	Assessing Discharge Projections of Melamchi River Basin and Implications for Water Supply Dynamics in Kathmandu Valley
Susa Manandhar	The Small Earth Nepal (SEN) and Central Department of Hydrology and Meteorology, Tribhuvan University	Future Streamflow Projection for Langtang River Basin

On May 24, 2024 (Friday), three of these individuals delivered their final presentation, wrapping up their case studies with significant insights and recommendations. The session was attended by NDRI resource persons, including Mr. Dibesh Shrestha (Lead Resource Person of the project), Dr. Divas Bahadur Basnyat (Lead of the Water and Climate Program), Dr. Shankar Shrestha (Executive Director), Mr. Girish Lamsal (Research Associate), and Ms. Sophiya Shrestha (Senior Research Assistant), who were involved throughout the entire duration of the case study.

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NDRI President's Active Participation in Two Seminars on Geopolitics and Development

NDRI President Dr. Krishna Pahari attended a special lecture on 'Harnessing regional synergies for development and prosperity in BIMSTEC' by Mr. Indra Mani Pandey, Secretary General of BIMSTEC, organized by the Centre for Economic Development and Administration (CEDA) on 20 May 2024. It was a comprehensive talk highlighting the background to the BIMSTEC, activities by this regional organization in various thematic areas, challenges and opportunities. He highlighted that despite various challenges and rather sluggish progress so far, there are significant opportunities for the member countries to benefit from this mechanism including in the regional connectivity, energy and tourism. The participants included prominent personalities on international relations and representatives from Government organizations, think tanks and research institutions.

Similarly, on 23rd May, Dr. Krishna Pahari attended a seminar at Lalitpur on 'Nepal and Sri Lanka in the Indo-Pacific: balancing India, China and the U.S.' by Asanga Abeyagoonasekera, Executive Director of South Asia Foresight Network (SAFN) at Washington DC.

The event was organized by NIICE (Nepal Institute for International Cooperation and Engagement) and included participants from various organizations working on international relations and development. In his comprehensive analysis of the evolving international geo-political dynamics, he concluded that Nepal and Sri-Lanka's foreign policies so far have been mostly on balancing the different powers. He recommended that Nepal should have its own foreign policy with some vision and should harness its strategic Himalayan vantage point.

Pre-inception Meeting with IDRC CLARE Project Team



A pre-inception meeting with IDRC CLARE project (ECONOGENESIS) team from UK took place at NDRI on 21st May 2024. Participants included Paul Watkiss and Butera Blanche from UK, and Dr. Manjeshwori Singh, Dr. Shankar Shrestha, Shreya Bajimaya and Girish Lamsal from NDRI. Paul provided an update on the project's progress and the project timeline in Nepal, while Shreya shared about the learnings from the Global EbA Fund project of NDRI on "Mitigating flood risks through women's leadership in EbA interventions" that could be useful in the Econogenesis project. The Nepal part of this project is going to formally start soon.

NDRI Conducts Tobacco Prevention Program in Lalitpur



On May 22, 2024, the school health awareness program was held at Shramjit kishor Madhyamik Bidhyalaya , Manbhawan, Lalitpur. The target audience was students in grade 8 and grade 9, an age when many adolescents are at risk of experimenting with tobacco products. The Tobacco Control Program team from NDRI led the sessions. The main goals were to educate these young students about the hazards and dangers of tobacco use, while also promoting healthy lifestyle choices.

Providing accurate information and resources at this critical age can empower adolescents to make informed decisions to avoid tobacco. This school-based tobacco prevention program is part of NDRI's broader efforts to control tobacco use through education and awareness, especially among vulnerable youth populations.



Comprehensive Training Program

Tara Global Private Limited recently organized a intensive training program, which took place on the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th of May 2024. The training covered crucial topics such as Human Resource Management, Leadership, and Entrepreneurship. This program was designed to enhance the skills and knowledge of the participants, equipping them with the tools needed to excel in their respective fields.



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The training sessions were led by Prof. Dr. S.D. Jitendra, the Managing Director of Coeus International Pvt. Ltd., India. Among the attendees were Ms. Deepa Luitel (Admin and Finance Officer), Ms. Ashma Aryal (Outreach and Communication Officer), and Ms. Nirmita Shrestha (Research Associate) from NDRI. Each participant benefited from the focused sessions, which included interactive sessions designed to foster a deep understanding of the subjects.

The Human Resource Management module covered effective HR strategies, employee engagement, and organizational development. The Leadership training focused on developing essential leadership qualities, strategic decision-making, and fostering a positive organizational culture. The Entrepreneurship sessions aimed at cultivating innovative thinking, business planning, and financial management skills. NDRI occasionally sends its staff/researchers to such training programs as a part of their capacity development.

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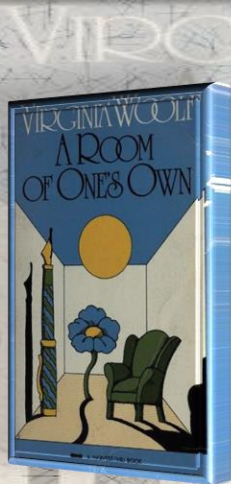


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Book Recommendation of the Week

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Thought-provoking News

Nepal lacks research-based education

<https://kathmandupost.com/books/2024/05/23/nepal-lacks-research-based-education>

Redefining development

<https://kathmandupost.com/art-culture/2024/05/27/redefining-development>

Dr. Gurung on Headline



Senior Research Specialist **Dr. Jaya Kumar Gurung's** article on the topic "यसकारण सुर्ती-चुरोटमा कर बढाउनुपर्छ" where he expressed the reasons why taxes on tobacco and cigarettes should be increased.

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